Reinstatement of watchmen of FCI, Nalgonda

1941. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has decided to accept the judgement of Andhra Pradesh High Court directing the F.C.I. to reinstate 82 retrenched watchmen of F.C.I. Nalgonda;

(b) if so, whether the F.C.I. has impemented the judgement of Andhra Pradesh High Court;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to implement the judgement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) The Andhra Pradesh High Court directed the F.C.I. to consider the retrenched workers for re-employment under the I.D. Act, 1947 on priority basis as and when vacancies arise. The FCI did not file appeal against the judgement.

(b) to (d) It has not yet been possible for F.C.I. to re-appoint them for want of vacancies. The FCI is however, making efforts in this direction.

Strength of the Members/Additional Members of Railway board

1942. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the strength of Members/Additional Members/Directors of Railway Board as on Ist April, 1950; and

(b) what is the present strength of the above categories as on Ist April 1990?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The strength of the Members/Additional Members and Directors of Railway Board as on 1-4-50 was:—

Chief Commissioner, Railways	—One
Financial Commissioner, Railways	—One
Members	—Three
Additional Members	—Nil
Directors	—Six

(b) The present strength of the above categories is as under:—

Chairman, Railway Board	—One
Financial Commissioner, Railways	—One
Members	—Five
Additional Members	—Nil
Advisers	—Seventeen
Executive Directors & equivalent	—Sixty four

Rules governing the tenure of deputationists

1943. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM:: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules governing the tenure of deputationists in the Ministry from the Zonal Railways and what is the normal tenure;

(b) whether Government would follow an uniform policy in this regard; and

(c) what is the tenure of officers and staff in the Ministry; whether they are also shifted periodically?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) At present, the following tenure has been fixed for the officers belonging to different Group 'A' Railway Services posted in Railway Board's Office on the lines of

tenure fixed for officers posted in different Ministries on Central deputation:

Deputy Director	—3 years
Joint Director	—4 years
Director/Executive Director	—5 years

(b) The above tenure rules are normally adhered to except in a few cases where the tenure is extended with the approval of the competent authority in the exigencies of service.

(c) Employees and Section Officers of Railway Board are given rotation after 4 to 5 years of stay in one Section except in cases where continuity is required in the administrative interest.

Launching of Indian Railway Welfare Organisation

1944. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Railways have launched an organisation called Indian Railway Welfare Organisation to provide houses to its serving and retired employees on the pattern of DDA's self-financing scheme;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the scheme;

(c) how many houses are expected to be completed yearly; and

(d) what is the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) An Organisation, known as Indian Railway Welfare Organisation (IRWO) has been set up in September, 1989 under the patronage of Ministry of Railways for providing houses/flats to serving/retired railway employees on self financing basis. This Organisation has been registered on 25-9-1989 under the Societies Registration Act 21 of 1860. The personnel of the undertakings under the Ministry of Railways would also be eligible to apply.

(c) No yearly target has been fixed.

(d) IRWO has acquired land at NOIDA, Gorakhpur, Calcutta, Gurgaon, Panchkula and Meerut. Primary registration for membership is on till 31-8-1990. Specific schemes will be advertised later. Scheme for NOIDA has been finalised and IRWO have invited applications for the same w.e.f. 16-8-1990. For Gorakhpur Calcutta and Gurgaon the schemes will be finalised shortly.

Capacity utilization of Milk powder Plants

1945. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Milk Powder Plants in the country (Statewise) indicating the plants working to the full capacity and also those lying idle;

(b) what is the total demand of Powder Milk in the country and consumption thereof per year;

(c) what is the present stock available with NDDB and how much quantity of Milk Powder is likely to be exported abroad (indicating the names of countries) during the current year; and

(d) whether some requests of the State Governments for bringing about improvement in the working of such Plants including long life tetrapak plants are lying pending with NDDB, if so, since when and the corrective measures taken till date by the Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATON IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Strength of Physiotherapists in Divisional Hospitals of Northern Railway

1946. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1778 given in Rajya Sabha on he 25th May, 1990 and state: